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Police Investigating Suspicious Death Of Fetuses

San Diego – On April 18, 2019, the San Diego Police Department received notification of a human fetus that was discovered in a treatment plant located on Harbor Drive. Due to the nature of the investigation, the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit responded to conduct the investigation. It was later discovered the remains were those of twins.

The investigation is in the very early stages at this time, and the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of the fetuses are unknown. Of primary concern at this time is the welfare of the mother. The investigators are concerned the mother may have experienced some type of medical distress during the birthing process.

The San Diego Medical Examiner's Office will be conducting an inquiry into the age of the fetuses and any information regarding the condition of the fetuses during the birthing process.

Incidents like these are thankfully rare, but none the less tragic for everyone involved. The San Diego Police Department would like to remind everyone of the Safe Surrender Law, which allows for the anonymous surrender of a newborn to any emergency room or fire station to avoid babies from being hurt or killed due to abandonment. More information can be found on the City of San Diego Website. It is not known at this time if the Safe Surrender Program would have prevented the death of the fetuses discovered today, but it is obviously an opportunity to remind people of this life-saving program.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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